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# H. RES. 804

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to  
H.R. 1016, with amendment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate  
amendment to H.R. 1016, with amendment.

1       *Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution  
2 the bill (H.R. 1016) entitled “An Act to amend title 38,  
3 United States Code, to provide advance appropriations au-  
4 thority for certain medical care accounts of the Depart-  
5 ment of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes”, with  
6 the Senate amendment thereto, shall be considered to have  
7 been taken from the Speaker’s table to the end that the  
8 Senate amendment thereto be, and the same is hereby,  
9 agreed to with the following amendment:

1           Strike all after the enacting clause and insert  
2           the following:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Health Care  
5 Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENT’S BUDGET SUBMISSION.**

7           Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
9 graph:

10           “(36) information on estimates of appropria-  
11 tions for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for  
12 which the budget is submitted for the following med-  
13 ical care accounts of the Veterans Health Adminis-  
14 tration, Department of Veterans Affairs account:

15                   “(A) Medical Services.

16                   “(B) Medical Support and Compliance.

17                   “(C) Medical Facilities.”.

18 **SEC. 3. ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN MED-**  
19 **ICAL CARE ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPARTMENT**  
20 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

21           (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United  
22 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 116 the  
23 following new section:

1 **“§ 117. Advance appropriations for certain medical**  
2 **care accounts**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, beginning  
4 with fiscal year 2011, discretionary new budget authority  
5 provided in an appropriations Act for the medical care ac-  
6 counts of the Department shall—

7 “(1) be made available for that fiscal year; and

8 “(2) include, for each such account, advance  
9 discretionary new budget authority that first be-  
10 comes available for the first fiscal year after the  
11 budget year.

12 “(b) ESTIMATES REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall in-  
13 clude in documents submitted to Congress in support of  
14 the President’s budget submitted pursuant to section 1105  
15 of title 31, United States Code, detailed estimates of the  
16 funds necessary for the medical care accounts of the De-  
17 partment for the fiscal year following the fiscal year for  
18 which the budget is submitted.

19 “(c) MEDICAL CARE ACCOUNTS.—For purposes of  
20 this section, the term ‘medical care accounts of the De-  
21 partment’ means the following medical care accounts of  
22 the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Vet-  
23 erans Affairs account:

24 “(1) Medical Services.

25 “(2) Medical Support and Compliance.

26 “(3) Medical Facilities.

1       “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than July 31 of  
 2 each year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress an an-  
 3 nual report on the sufficiency of the Department’s re-  
 4 sources for the next fiscal year beginning after the date  
 5 of the submittal of the report for the provision of medical  
 6 care. Such report shall also include estimates of the work-  
 7 load and demand data for that fiscal year.”.

8       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
 10 after the item relating to section 113 the following new  
 11 line:

“117. Advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts.”.

12 **SEC. 4. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ACCU-**  
 13 **RACY OF VA MEDICAL CARE BUDGET SUBMIS-**  
 14 **SION IN RELATION TO BASELINE HEALTH**  
 15 **CARE MODEL PROJECTION.**

16       (a) REVIEW OF ACCURACY OF MEDICAL CARE BUDG-  
 17 ET SUBMISSION.—The Comptroller General shall conduct  
 18 a review of each budget of the President for a fiscal year  
 19 that is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a)  
 20 of title 31 in order to assess whether or not the relevant  
 21 components of the amounts requested in such budget for  
 22 such fiscal year for the medical care accounts of the De-  
 23 partment of Veterans Affairs specified in section 117(c)  
 24 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 3,  
 25 are consistent with estimates of the resources required by

1 the Department for the provision of medical care and serv-  
2 ices in such fiscal year, as forecast using the Enrollee  
3 Health Care Projection Model, or other methodologies  
4 used by the Department.

5 (b) REPORTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
7 after the date of each year in 2011, 2012, and 2013,  
8 on which the President submits the budget request  
9 for the next fiscal year under section 1105 of title  
10 31, United States Code, the Comptroller General  
11 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs,  
12 Appropriations, and the Budget of the Senate and  
13 the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Appropria-  
14 tions, and the Budget of the House of Representa-  
15 tives and to the Secretary a report on the review  
16 conducted under subsection (a).

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under this para-  
18 graph shall include, for the fiscal year beginning in  
19 the year in which such report is submitted, the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 (A) An assessment of the review conducted  
22 under subsection (a).

23 (B) The basis for such assessment.

24 (C) Such additional information as the  
25 Comptroller General determines appropriate.

1           (3) AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.—Each re-  
2       port submitted under this subsection shall also be  
3       made available to the public.

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